

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating the informalities with respect to the previously submitted amendment. Applicants submit herewith amended claims with markings to indicate the changes that have been made relative to the original claims listed in the application along with an amendment to paragraph [0049] to the specification.

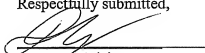
The Applicants submit that these minor amendments and corrections herein are made without prejudice as to patentability, including the doctrine of equivalents, and no new matter has been added. Although Applicants do not believe any fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or provide any refunds to the deposit account of Bracewell & Giuliani LLP, 50-0259 (Attorney Docket No. 0771CG.035249).

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is in condition for allowance. As such, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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